



ANNEX E

LIST OF CHALLENGES, RECOMMENDATIONS AND AGREED ACTIONS

Armenia

Challenges / recommendations	Agreed actions
Delay due to political changes in Armenia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E.g. NPD organization RBMP (assigning basin organizations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPD recently held in October 2018 and coordination back on schedule with appointment of new national focal points Continue regular coordination of activities with national authorities including through local EUWI+ representatives
In deviation from the DOA – lab ISO 17025 accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development does not allow for EMIC accreditation within EUWI+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided to work towards ISO standards and to prepare for accreditation as far as possible. It is acknowledged that this development is directly depending on the progress of the Laboratory relocation.
Tender process is delayed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision to be taken if tender is not started in 2018 (Alternative procedure by UBA – Austrian VAT losses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided to work on the international tender, and to complete agreement on all required parts of the tender documents, on the highest priority to enable the start of the tender end of the year 2018.

Azerbaijan

Challenges / recommendations	Agreed actions
In deviation from the DOA – lab ISO 17025 accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development does not allow for MENR accreditation within EUWI+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided to work towards ISO standards and to prepare for accreditation as far as possible. It is acknowledged that this development is directly depending on the progress of the Laboratory refurbishment.
Tender process is delayed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision to be taken if tender is not started in 2018 (Alternative procedure by UBA – Austrian VAT losses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided to work on the international tender, and to complete agreement on all required parts of the tender documents, on the highest priority to enable the start of the tender end of the year 2018.
Complete agreement on the Assessment report; Part Surface water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final agreement of the Assessment report was reached within the SCM

Belarus

Challenges / recommendations	Agreed actions
<p>Delays, due to Delayed registration of EUWI+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed launch of the NPD • BY missing in international proficiency tests – the completed Framework agreement is needed for proficiency testing (e.g. sample import) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting scheduled for December 2018 in the form of a 1st EUWI+ National Interagency Steering Committee • Continue regular coordination of activities with national authorities including through local EUWI+ representatives • It was concluded that Belarus will participate in international proficiency tests from 2019 onwards and will manage all necessary related customs issues.
<p>Tender process is delayed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Framework Agreements are in signature procedure • Decision to be taken if tender is not started in 2018 (Alternative procedure by UBA – Austrian VAT losses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4 Framework Agreements have been signed during the SCM. • It was decided to work on the international tender, and to complete agreement on all required parts of the tender documents, on the highest priority to enable the start of the tender end of the year 2018.

Georgia

Challenges / recommendations	Agreed actions
<p>Expedite adoption of the New Water Law to serve as foundation for reforms in the Water Sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the organisation of a consultation workshop for high-level officials and parliamentarians in December 2018 to expedite later adoption.
<p>Tender process is delayed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework Agreement is in signature procedure • Decision to be taken if tender is not started in 2018 (Alternative procedure by UBA – Austrian VAT losses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Framework Agreement has to undergo a Georgian specific procedure. N. Tandilashvili informed about the completion of this process until the end of November. • It was decided to work on the international tender, and to complete agreement on all required parts of the tender documents, on the highest priority to enable the start of the tender end of the year 2018.
<p>Draft Letter of Agreement for server acquisition is pending</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that this issue will be completed at high priority, based on a suggestion by the responsible international expert P. Haener.

Moldova

Challenges / recommendations	Agreed actions
<p>The change of the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> impacted both working level contacts and decision making on progress of substantive work plan items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing with National Focal Point Continue regular coordination of activities with national authorities including through local EUWI+ representatives
<p>Reorganization of MARDE and the new Environment Agency Moldova (EAM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned/approved budgets are not available Signatures are pending Sustainable development will need reassurance (e.g. operational cost) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the Moldovan delegation will validate the current status of accessibility/non-accessibility of approved budgets and report the findings to the respective responsible international experts The appointment of the new director of the EAM should mitigate the problem of pending signatures The prerequisites and projections of the extraordinary budget allocation for water monitoring shall be closely observed by the Partners and the reassurance of the availability of promised funds for 2019 shall be reported by the responsible Moldovan NFP in early 2019.
<p>Tender process is delayed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Agreement is in signature procedure Decision to be taken if tender is not started in 2018 (Alternative procedure by UBA – Austrian VAT losses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Framework Agreement has been signed during the SCM. It was decided to work on the international tender, and to complete agreement on all required parts of the tender documents, on the highest priority to enable the start of the tender end of the year 2018.

Ukraine

Challenges / recommendations	Agreed actions
<p>In deviation from the DOA – lab ISO 17025 accreditation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development does not allow for BUVR accreditation within EUWI+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided to work towards ISO standards and to prepare for accreditation as far as possible. It is acknowledged that this development is directly depending on the progress of the Laboratory refurbishment.
<p>Tender process is delayed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Agreement is not signed Decision to be taken if tender is not started in 2018 (Alternative procedure by UBA – Austrian VAT losses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parties agreed on a high level PM mission to clarify the issue of the Framework Agreement in November. It was decided to work on the international tender, and to complete agreement on all required parts of the tender documents, on the highest priority to enable the start of the tender end of the year 2018. This however might be overly ambiguous in the case of Ukraine
<p>MENR confirmation of Institutional sustainability is</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To start the process of confirmation, a

<p>missing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of UA responsibilities for BUVR refurbishment and basic infrastructure development • Required experts to be hired / planned new staff 	<p>letter had been sent by the first deputy head of the state agency of water resources to Vice-Minister Kuzyo. The assurance of institutional sustainability to the EU member state project leader is pending and shall be completed soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open tenders for new staff have already been started.
<p>The decision on pilot area for ESCS development is pending</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This decision is planned to be made during the next surface water monitoring mission in Ukraine.
<p>Technical capabilities of GW laboratory needs to be strengthened, especially for testing pesticides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCMS (Gas Chromatograph with Mass Selective detection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The situation is acknowledged by the Ukraine delegation and the topic will become an Ukraine internal subject of clarification.
<p>To Complete the Surface-water & ground-water Assessment report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official reply by responsible Ukraine institutions is pending (for months) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assessment report was mutually acknowledged in its latest current form during the SCM.

Regional Cooperation

Challenges / recommendations	Agreed actions
<p>Strong commitment and political will required to deepen transboundary cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. for bilateral agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue regular coordination of activities with national authorities including through local EUWI+ representatives
<p>Ongoing issue of Harmonization in Transboundary coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical issues, such as Typology, Delineation, Monitoring systems, Status classification etc.) • Political issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities for harmonization in relevant basins.